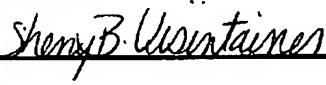


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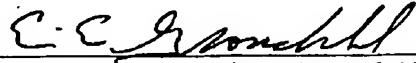
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006 to thereby extend the period for response from September 27, 2006 to October 27, 2006.

Authorization is given to charge the \$120.00 fee for Large Entity associated with this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-3569. If any additional fee is required, please accept this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

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